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To: County Superintendents of Schools, County Auditors,
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From: Janet Sterling, Director
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Subject: Notice of the Recertified Special Purpose Apportionment: Pupil Transportation
(Special Purpose), School Improvement Program, and Economic Impact Aid,
Fiscal Year 2001-02

This apportionment, in the amount of \$1,372,292,195, has been made from funds provided in the 2001 Budget Act (Chapter 106, Statutes of 2001), Senate Bill 735 (Chapter 891, Statutes of 2001), and the 2000 Budget Act (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2000). These funds support the Pupil Transportation (Special Purpose), the School Improvement, and Economic Impact Aid programs. Pursuant to *Education Code* Section 14041(a)(5), the program allocations are paid in ten monthly installments, which began in September 2001. In the months September through March, the State Controller issued warrants to each county treasurer for one-tenth of the total amount certified to the county.

This apportionment is currently recertified to correct excesses or deficiencies based on updated attendance and participation data for the Pupil Transportation, School Improvement and Economic Impact Aid programs. The warrants in April and subsequent months will be adjusted accordingly.

Notice, Summary, and Exhibits Enclosed

- A. Notice of the Recertified Special Purpose Apportionment: Pupil Transportation (Special Purpose), School Improvement Program and Economic Impact Aid, Fiscal Year 2001-02
- B. Schedules of Apportionments
 - 1. Home-to-School Transportation – Exhibits I & I-A
 - 2. Special Education Transportation – Exhibit I-S
 - 3. School Improvement Program - Exhibit II
 - 4. Economic Impact Aid – Exhibit III
- C. Summary of Apportionments by County
- D. Monthly Payment Schedule

Program Notes

Pupil Transportation (Special Purpose): The fiscal year 2001-02 Home-to-School and Special Education Transportation apportionments have been recertified to reflect data submitted on the 2000-01 fiscal year Annual Reports of Pupil Transportation Expense, not available as of the original certification. Exhibit I lists the fiscal year 2001-02 Home-to-School Transportation allowance for each participating local educational agency (LEA). Please note the following:

- The fiscal year 2001-02 Home-to-School entitlements are equal to the lesser of the fiscal year 2000-01 entitlements (including fiscal year 2000-01 supplemental grant add-on to Home-to-School Transportation after fiscal year 2000-01 reorganizations and/or transfers of service) or the fiscal year 2000-01 approved Home-to-School Transportation costs (EDP 130, Form J-141 or Form TRAN), the lesser of the two amounts is adjusted by 1.40 percent for growth and 3.87 percent for cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).
- Exhibit I-A contains information on how the entitlements listed in column 1 of Exhibit I were determined.
- The appropriation for Home-to-School Transportation was sufficient to fund the entitlements.

Exhibit I-S lists the fiscal year 2001-02 Special Education Transportation allowance for each participating LEA. Please note the following:

- The fiscal year 2001-02 Special Education Transportation entitlements are equal to the lesser of the fiscal year 2000-01 entitlements (after fiscal year 2000-01 reorganizations and/or transfers of service) or the fiscal year 2000-01 approved Special Education Transportation costs (EDP 133, Form J-141-S or Form TRAN), the lesser of the two amounts is adjusted by 1.40 percent for growth and 3.87 percent for COLA.
- The appropriation for Special Education Transportation was sufficient to fund the entitlements.

For standardized account code structure (SACS) coding, use Resource Code 7230, Transportation–Home to School, or Resource Code 7240, Transportation–Special Education (SH/OH), and Revenue Object Code 8311, Other State Apportionments–Current Year, for either home-to-school or special education transportation. For prior year adjustments, use Revenue Object Code 8319, Other State Apportionments–Prior Year. For non-SACS coding, use Income Account Code 8342, Home-to-School Transportation or Income Account Code 8347, Special Education Transportation.

School Improvement Program (SIP): The SIP apportionment has been recertified for Contra Costa and Marin counties. For all other counties, there has been no change to the funds previously certified.

In Exhibit II, the amounts in the column entitled “Amount for Each Operating District or LEA” should be credited to the account of school districts or LEAs indicated in the first column. The list of member school districts in cooperatives (second column) and the amount of entitlements for these school districts (third column) are provided for county superintendents with school districts participating in cooperative programs.

There is no restriction on the amount of SIP funds that may be carried over from one year to the next. For standardized account code structure (SACS) coding, use Resource Codes 7260, School Improvement Program-Grades K to 6, and 7265, School Improvement Program-Grades 7 to 12. All grades K-12 use Revenue Object Code 8311, Other State Apportionments-Current Year. For non-SACS coding, please use Income Account Code 8344, School Improvement Program.

Economic Impact Aid (EIA): The EIA apportionment has been recertified for Marin and Santa Clara counties. For all other counties, there has been no change to the funds previously certified.

In Exhibit III, the amounts in the column entitled “Amount for Each Operating District or Local Educational Agency” are credited to the account of school districts or LEAs indicated in the first column.

There is no restriction on the amount of EIA funds that may be carried over from one year to the next. For SACS coding, use Resource Code 7090, Economic Impact Aid, and Revenue Object Code 8311, Other State Apportionments-Current Year. For non-SACS coding, use Income Account Code 8346, Economic Impact Aid.

Supplemental Grants Roll-In: Allocations for Supplemental Grants which contribute to the SIP and EIA program selections made pursuant to *Education Code* Section 54761.2 were paid in a separate apportionment dated February 8, 2002.

SIP and EIA for Charter Schools: SIP and EIA programs are included in the charter school block grant funding model pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 47630) of Part 26.8 of the *Education Code*. Therefore, charter schools that are participating in the model will receive their SIP and EIA funding as part of the categorical component of the charter school block grant, which is allocated as part of the Principal Apportionment. The enrollment and/or ADA data for these charter schools have been excluded from the enrollment and/or ADA data that generate SIP and EIA funding for the chartering agency. Charter schools that are not participating in the charter school block grant funding model will receive their SIP and EIA funding through their chartering agency.

For purposes of Pupil Transportation, *Education Code* Section 47612 deems a charter school to be school district. As such, to establish base transportation funding for a charter school, the district must determine its cost to transport the charter school students previously served by the district. This will establish the separate transportation funding base for the charter school and result in a corresponding reduction to the district’s allowance.

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More Information/Questions

County offices of education should notify their LEAs of the information included in this apportionment. In addition, this apportionment letter will be posted on the California Department of Education Web site at: www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/categorical. General questions concerning this apportionment may be directed to Ross Valentine (916) 327-4405 or by e-mail (rvalenti@cde.ca.gov). For specific program areas, please contact the School Fiscal Services Division staff as follows:

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